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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MNUC, TECH, PK, US, FR  
SUBJECT: REPROCESSING - FRENCH VIEWS

REF: ISLAMABAD 7017

1. SUMMARY: PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
SECRETARY GENERAL AGHA SHAHI HAS ASKED TO COME TO PARIS  
TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE REPROCESSING CONTRACT. FOR THE  
MOMENT -- AND IN VIEW OF UNSETTLED SITUATION IN  
ISLAMABAD -- THE FRENCH HAVE SENT A "DIPLOMATIC" REPLY  
TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME FOR SUCH A  
VISIT. PLEASE TREAT THIS INFO AS STRICTLY NOFORN.

2. IN HIS INITIAL MEETING JULY 11 WITH LABOULAYE,  
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE QUAI, AMBASSADOR  
HARTMAN ASKED FOR LATEST FRENCH VIEWS ON THE PAKISTAN  
REPROCESSING ISSUE. HE MENTIONED TO LABOULAYE IN  
CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE RAISED THE MATTER WITH ZIA AND  
ARE AWAITING A REPLY.

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3. LABOULAYE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS,  
AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, TRYING TO AVOID ANY FURTHER  
ACTION ON THE REPROCESSING CONTRACT PENDING CLARIFICA-  
TION OF THE SITUATION IN ISLAMABAD. THE FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR HAS REPORTED THAT EFFORTS TO IMPOSE STRICTER  
ISLAMIC PRACTICES ON THE COUNTRY'S LIFE MIGHT LEAD TO  
DISTURBANCES AND FURTHER POLITICAL TURMOIL. LABOULAYE

TOLD US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT THE PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES ARE INDEED FOLLOWING UP ON THE PROCESSING MATTER. SPECIFICALLY, SECRETARY GENERAL AGHA SHAHI OF THE MFA HAS ASKED TO COME TO PARIS FOR FURTHER TALKS. THE QUAI HAS TRIED TO SIDESTEP THIS MATTER DIPLOMATICALLY BY INDICATING THAT ALL THE SENIOR OFFICIALS INVOLVED ARE TIED UP WITH OTHER BUSINESS AND A VISIT NOW WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT. LABOULAYE ADDED THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD HAD INITIALLY WANTED TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE CONTRACT BUT NOW APPARENTLY SHARES THE PARIS VIEW THAT THE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN SHOULD SETTLE DOWN FIRST.  
HARTMAN

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